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Former Maryland State Trooper Charged with Animal Cruelty
Two Dogs Found Starving in Home, Close to Death

Derwood, MD – The Montgomery County Department of Police, Animal Services Division (ASD) has charged Timothy Nathaniel Walker, of Burtonsville, Maryland, with four counts of misdemeanor animal cruelty. On the evening of Wednesday, May 17th, a Montgomery County Field Services Officer was dispatched to a call at Scarlet Sage Court in Burtonsville. Neighbors had reported seeing two emaciated pit-bull type dogs in the front yard of the home. The Officer entered the home where the two dogs, an adult male and an adult female, were being kept together in a wire crate. Both dogs were severely emaciated and required immediate medical attention. They were directly transported to the shelter's overnight emergency medical hospital, examined, and provided with supportive care. The dogs were found to be grossly underweight and having no underlying medical issues to account for the emaciation.

Officers immediately moved to charge Walker with cruelty and neglect for both failure to provide the dogs with nutritious food in a sufficient quantity and failure to provide them with necessary veterinary care. A summons was obtained charging Walker on a total of four counts misdemeanor animal cruelty.

The two dogs are currently being cared for at the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center. They are being closely monitored by the shelter's veterinary care team.

"It is difficult at this point to determine what their outcome will be based on the severity of their condition at the time our officer found them. Had neighbors not called when they did, our ability to save these animals would have been impossible, and we are still not sure they are out of danger," said ASD Director Tom Koenig.



Timothy N. Walker

At this time, pictures of the dogs cannot be released due to their status as evidence in the case.

About the Montgomery County Animal Services Division, operating as the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center:

The Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center (MCASAC) provides high-standard sheltering and care to the homeless animals in our community and ensures the safety and welfare of the county's citizens. Through adoptions, education, outreach, and more, MCASAC serves as a critical community resource to promote and advocate for responsible pet care. Animal Services Officers are on duty seven days a week to investigate citizen complaints and respond to animal emergencies 24 hours a day. Looking for more information? Visit our [Website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

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